

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration, in light of the preceding amendments and following remarks, is respectfully requested. Claims 54-59 and 67-68 are pending in the current application. By this Amendment, claims 51, 54 and 57 are amended. Claims 51, 54 and 57 are the independent claims. By this Amendment, claims 51-53 and 66 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the allowable subject matter of claims 54-59, 67 and 68.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §101

The Examiner has rejected claims 51-53 and 66 under 35 U.S.C. §101, because the claimed invention is allegedly drawn to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 51-53 and 66 have been cancelled, thereby rendering this rejection moot.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of the pending claims in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

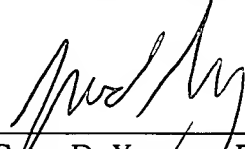
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Jared Scholz at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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